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Italy Adds Charges in Spying Case

TURIN, July 12 (UPI)—Italian authorities stiffened spy charges today against Giorgio Rinaldi and his wife and said he received thousands of dollars from Russia to operate a European spy ring that penetrated U.S. and NATO air bases.

Revised charges against the couple said the spy ring provided Moscow with classified information about U.S. air defenses in Europe and performances and armaments of American warplanes based in Italy and Spain.

Rinaldi and his wife Angela were arrested on March 15 and jailed on charges of collecting Italian state secrets.

The new charges carry a sentence of life imprisonment on conviction.

The arrests in March led to an international spy crackdown in at least eight European and African nations. Italian sources reported that more than 30 persons were arrested in Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, Cyprus, Somalia and Morocco.